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FREEDOM OF DUBLIN FOR G.B.S.

DUBLIN, FEB. 6. MR. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW IS, AT THE AGE OF NINETEEN, TO BE OFFERED THE FREEDOM OF HIS NATIVE DUBLIN.

The Dublin Corporation decided to offer it to him in 1941. Two Council members opposed the motion but they did not challenge a decision.

This decision gives Mr. Shaw something to think about for when told of the Corporation's decision he replied: "I shall accept the offer very gratefully but only if it is made by a substantial majority."

Mr. Shaw in the debate was Jim Larkin, Labour leader, who said: "Dublin has not shown its appreciation of its brightest son in a great Gael."

Against Mr. Shaw was Mr. J. O'Byrne, who said: "He stands for the promotion of the English and spirit of the Empire. What has Mr. Shaw done for Ireland except to make long distance wise-cracks?"

Mr. J. Phelan said that Mr. Shaw was not a fit mentor for either youth or adult in Eire.

Mr. Shaw's comment was: "These people do not seem to know much about me. I shall deal with them when I receive the offer."

Reuter.

From Door Knobs To Lipsticks

A SHOPPING EXPEDITION CARRIED OUT IN AUSTRALIA ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST IN THE QUICK REHABILITATION OF THE COLONY HAS MORE THAN REALISED EXPECTATIONS. BUILDING MATERIALS, RANGING FROM TIMBER AND CEMENT TO DOOR HANDLES AND SCREWS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN MORE THAN A DOZEN LINES, A VARIETY OF FOOD SUPPLIES, AND AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF SPORTS GOODS, TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED.

The Hong Kong Mission to Australia, which was led by Capt. C. N. Lantagne, D.S.O., R.N., represents only part of the efforts now being made by the Administration to rush essential supplies and commodities to Hong Kong.

A similar mission was despatched to New Guinea this week, the "shoppers" being Mr. John Galvin and Commander Wilson.

The achievements of the mission to Australia are in great part estimated in view of the fact that the Australian is in great need of materials and commodities for her own post-war rehabilitation, while she also has commitments to the United Kingdom.

Some of the purchases are now on the way and a second ship is loading in Sydney.

A special ship has been obtained to lift a great part of the remainder of these supplies for immediate delivery, and this is expected to start loading in a few days' time.

Since has also been set aside in this ship to carry purchases made by the Chinese members of the Mission.

NORMAL CHANNELS

It is the intention of the Government to distribute part of their cargoes shortly after arrival through normal commercial channels at controlled prices, but owing to the wide variety of the goods obtained, time is required to work out full details of the method of distribution of the complete range.

Further cargoes can be expected as shipping becomes available, but it is intended that these should increasingly come on commercial account as normal peacetime trading gets into its stride.

Here are some of the lines which the Mission to Australia managed to secure:

Household Goods:—Mosquito netting, kerosene and oil stoves, enamel and aluminium saucepans, frying pans, tea pots, desert, soup and table spoons, table and dessert forks, glass tumblers.

Food:—Cornflour, cut, peel, gravy salt, baking powder, baked beans, crisps, cornflakes, canned peaches, canned pears, tomato juice and dried mushrooms.

Building Materials:—Cement, hardwood, electric wiring, bulbs, hinges, locks, door handles, door locks, water pipes, tools of every description, paint glass and cables.

Sports Goods:—Football boots, ping pong bats, balls and nets, rugby balls, tennis nets, cricket bats, batting pads and wicket-keeping gear.

GREENWICH VILLAGE H.Q. ISSUE

SUN RAY RESEARCH IN LONDON

LONDON, FEB. 6. THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE YESTERDAY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION TO PUT THE ORGANISATION'S PERMANENT HOME IN THE STAMFORD-GREEN AREA OF CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK.

The Australian delegate, Colonel W. R. Hodgson, said after the close of the meeting, however, that he will ask for reelection of the recommendation to day when it is presented to the full United Nations committee for approval.

Col. Hodgson said he would put up a fight for San Francisco. Col. Hodgson's protest, an official said, was based on the contention that the site commission had exceeded its authority when it narrowed down the field to the north-eastern United States.

Other committee members said it was too late to reopen the east-west controversy, which the Preparatory Commission decided in favour of the eastern United States.

Stoyan Gavrilovic, head of the site committee, announced the interim committee's decision at a press conference. — Associated Press.

Planes For Scrap Heap

Wiesbaden, Feb. 6. Six thousand planes which cost nearly one billion dollars are being scrapped by the United States Army in Europe because they are considered obsolete and have no peacetime use.

Officials at the United States Air Force Headquarters said 427 Flying Fortresses and 36 Liberators are among the planes being broken up along with Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs. — Associated Press.

Shanghai's Strike Wave

SHANGHAI, FEB. 6. SHANGHAI'S EFFORTS TO GET GOING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALLY ARE BEING SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY STRIKE FEVER, WHICH IS ATTRIBUTED TO A TANGLED SKIN OF SOCIAL DISORDER, HIGH LIVING COSTS, MANAGERIAL DISUNITY BETWEEN THE PRIVATELY OWNED UTILITY COMPANIES AND GENERAL DISCONTENT WITH THE UNFAVOURABLE POST-WAR CONDITIONS.

SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN A SEEMINGLY UNENDING SERIES OF WALKOUTS AFFECTING ALMOST EVERY BRANCH OF BUSINESS IN SHANGHAI, FOREIGN AND CHINESE. UTILITY WORKERS, MILLHANDS, BARBERS, SHOP-KEEPERS, TRUCK DRIVERS AND MESSENGERS ARE AMONG THE MANY THOUSANDS OF LABOURERS WHO HAVE STRUCK AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

In their last strike the conductors of the French Tramway Company adopted a unique form of protest. Forbidden by the regulations of the City Government from discontinuing the service, they refused to collect fares—resulting in the company losing about C.N.\$10,000,000 a day.

Realising the seriousness of the labour situation here, the municipal authorities have set up a Bureau of Social Affairs, whose principal task is to mediate between management and labour.

Although the Director of the Bureau, Mr. Li Cien-hwa, claims there is no proof that political agitators are behind the many strikes here, blaming them on the high cost of living, the American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post" says that all evidence indicates that the labour unrest has a wide political and social significance.

"Many quarters believe," it adds, "that the organisation of every strike in the city is being directed by radicals. Reports persistently claimed that a portrait of Lenin and the Red Flag adorn the labour caucus."

Mr. Li has issued a warning that frequent demands by workers upon employers may easily cause such a situation that capital will be discouraged from entering the market.

NATION FIRST

This is echoed by the leading Chinese-owned daily here, "Shanghai Herald," which states editorially that at a moment like this, when China stands on the threshold of national reconstruction, it is of vital importance that labour in China take the right path, its desire for better pay, better living conditions and better treatment is a legitimate one that every socially-minded person will second wholeheartedly. But labour must also remember that, like capital and like management, it is only a part of the nation, and the nation must always come first.

Tact in the handling of the difficult labour situation here by the "Shanghai Evening Post," which says: "The next few months in Shanghai are bound to be crucial. We see labour troubles growing to unprecedented proportions in every part of the world. Such things are a luxury China can hardly afford at any time and least of all to-day. Tactful guidance will be much in demand if grave difficulties are to be avoided."

Besides the French Tramways, the British-owned Shanghai Electric Construction Co., the American-owned Shanghai Power Company, the British-American Tobacco Co. and the eight largest Chinese department stores in the city are among the many concerns affected by strikes recently. — Reuter.

Important Indonesian Conference

Batavia, Feb. 5. Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the Indonesian Premier, and his entire Cabinet, has left Batavia to-day for Soerakarta, ancient city in Central Java, where they are to attend a conference of some two hundred local administrators.

Dr. Sjahrir, who is expected to return at the week-end and may meet Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, early next week.

It is understood that Dutch proposals are now being prepared for submission to the Indonesians.

According to a well-informed source, the Dutch Government have approved an alteration in the terms that Dr. van Mook brought from Holland but unconfirmed reports stated that the terms included a clause deferring complete self-rule for a long period, which has not been received enthusiastically by the Indonesians.

Dr. Sjahrir commented: "I am interested in what happens now." — Reuter.

BELGIAN'S DARING ESCAPE

Brussels, Feb. 6. Six hours after he had been condemned to death yesterday by a military court for collaboration with the Germans, Francois Loockx, former Flemish S.S. man, made a dramatic escape from the Petit-Chateau Prison.

Loockx was being transferred to the condemned cell when he slipped into a working party in the gaol courtyard and made an acrobatic getaway over the prison wall.

Police began a search of the haunts of other collaborators where Loockx is believed to be hiding. — Associated Press.

Shanghai Stores Strike

The employees of Shanghai's eight leading department stores are on strike, following refusal of employers to meet their demand for a pay increase to C.N\$5,000 a month.

Mediation of the Municipal Social Affairs Bureau has failed to bring about a settlement. The employers have agreed to raise the minimum pay to C.N\$2,500 but the employees have so far made a concession of only \$500.

In the meantime, pending negotiations, the managements of the major stores, such as the Sun Sun, Wing On and Sincere, are still providing free meals for their employees.

BRITISH OFFER

London, Feb. 6. Britain has sent the Rumanian government a communication which amounts to an offer of recognition, a Foreign Office spokesman said on Tuesday night.

The text of the communication will be published to-day. — Associated Press.

Nazi Thugs' Terror In Denmark

NUERNBERG, FEB. 6. THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL WHICH IS TRYING THE 22 NAZI LEADERS HERE, YESTERDAY HEARD HOW BANDS OF NAZI THUGS, ACTING UNDER DIRECT ORDERS FROM BERLIN, KILLED PROMINENT DANES IN GANGSTER FASHION TO INSTILL TERROR AMONG RECALCITRANT ELEMENTS.

The French Prosecutor, Mr. Edgar Faure, cited sections of an official Danish Government report on the systematic execution of the nation's leaders under the camouflage of "bandit attacks."

Doctors were killed by Nazis posing as patients and victims who answered rings from the doorbells of their homes were shot.

A noted Danish priest, Kaj Munk, was removed from his Church, killed and thrown in a ditch in 1944, the report stated.

The band of thugs was known as "Group Peter" and was said to have received letters of congratulation from Heinrich Himmler.

Toward the end of 1943, high Nazis, including Hitler, Himmler, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Wilhelm Keitel and Alfred Jodl, in a meeting with the Chief of the Nazi Police in Denmark, Gunther Pancke, determined to execute five Danes for every German soldier killed in Denmark, the prosecution related.

A large-scale round up and deportation of Jews in France, Holland and Belgium in the summer of 1942 took in the aged, mothers and children, with the ultimate goal of their extermination in Poland, the prosecution said. — Associated Press.

RUMOURS OF SOVIET AIMS IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, FEB. 6. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's acknowledgment that Russia was carrying on "informal" negotiations in quest of economic concessions followed renewal of rumours that Russia was demanding joint ownership and control of mining and other enterprises in Manchuria. The rumours were particularly prevalent several weeks ago before it appeared certain that Soviet troops would withdraw in favour of Chinese Government forces in Manchuria. — Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Mainly fair, with cloudy periods. Moderate easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 76.8 at noon. Minimum: 61 degrees at midnight.

Planned Economy For Britain

LONDON, FEB. 6. Another of the Labour Government's measures for a planned economy—a bill to control investment—passed an important stage in the House of Commons last night when it was given a second reading.

The Opposition amendment to reject it was defeated by 326 votes to 142. The bill will now be debated in detail by the All-Party Standing Committee and then go to the House of Lords.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that this was a small part of a big plan to put a brake on speculation. The wicked speculation in the cotton and shipping industries in 1919 must not happen again.

The bill was designed so that priorities in schemes for raising money should be determined by one criterion only—their relative importance in the national interest. — Reuter.

Bomb Explosion In Percival Street

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT NO. 44, PERCIVAL STREET, GROUND FLOOR, AT ABOUT 10.35 P.M. LAST NIGHT, CAUSED THE DEATH OF A 17-YEAR-OLD LAD, LEUNG TAI-HA, AND SERIOUS INJURIES TO HIS MOTHER AND A GIRL.

The youth was apparently "investigating" a canister-bomb which he picked up during the occupation, when it went off. He took the blast across the body, and died instantly. His mother, Ho Yip-ho, 40, was sleeping on a bed five feet away. She was terribly injured about the face and the lower part of her right arm was blown off.

A 14-year-old girl, So Hui-mui, who was sitting behind the boy, was also badly hurt. The wooden partition of the cubicle was blown to pieces, and shrapnel marks covered walls and floor.

Two other occupants, Chan Ka-wa and Yeung Kit, had just gone outside to paste up a sign announcing the opening of a shop.

The injured were rushed to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital by the police.

Asserts China Is Still Menaced

WASHINGTON, FEB. 6. THE MAINTENANCE OF A MERICAN FORCES IN CHINA UNTIL THE NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST FACTIONS HAVE UNITED IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES, REPRESENTATIVE POAGE, DEMOCRAT OF TEXAS SAID ON HIS RETURN FROM A TOUR OF THE PACIFIC WITH A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

HE DESCRIBED THE CHINESE SITUATION AS THE MOST SERIOUS AND THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL OF ALL PROBLEMS FACING THE UNITED STATE IN THE PACIFIC.

He declared: "It is perfectly clear that we must keep an adequate force there until the Chinese achieve some real unity and establish an effective government. Otherwise there is a very strong possibility that the entire area will be occupied by foreign forces."

Just now, a relatively small force of American marines is preventing any aggressive action in North China without any conflict. Should it be removed before China is able to protect herself, it is entirely likely that we would be forced, a little later on, to use vastly greater forces to protect ourselves from the threat of a foreign-controlled China.

He added that it will be possible to reduce the forces in China if there exists a real unified government.

Poage said the people of Japan were energetically rebuilding the destroyed cities and going to great extremes to display a desire to cooperate with the Americans.

Of the Philippines, he said: "Undoubtedly there are a lot of people there who, in a secret ballot, would vote against independence, but they can't openly come out with such a position. Personally, I think the only course for the United States to follow is that which would improve the standing of this country throughout the Orient." — Associated Press.

Quick work by the Fire Brigade prevented serious damage to the Wing Lok Kerosene Warehouse, Shaikwan, when some kerosene caught fire at the back of the premises at about 1.45 p.m. yesterday.

Yamashita Decision Soon

Tokyo, Feb. 6. A spokesman said to-day that General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, has already reviewed the record and is expected shortly to give a decision in the case of Lieutenant Tomoyuki Yamashita who was sentenced to death by a Military Court in Manila.

The spokesman said: General MacArthur had received many enemy petitions but there was no indication as to his decision. — Associated Press.

Jewish Attack On Police

JERUSALEM, FEB. 6. An Arab police sentry was wounded early yesterday as armed bands of men, described as Jews, made a pre-dawn attack on the police station at Safad, in Northern Palestine.

A police bulletin said the armed groups, attacking from two sides, cut through the barbed wire fencing, but withdrew in an exchange of shots after tossing several grenades.

Roads leading to the town, along which the attackers presumably fled, were later found heavily mined. — Associated Press.

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Another Shock

Authority weary Britain will concede little sympathy to the Labour Government in the disarming situation created by the revelation of an acute world wheat shortage. A further tightening of belts is still "asking too much" no matter how neatly the bill may be sugar coated, and blunt questions are certain to be asked. Nevertheless, there is no escaping the primary fact, the necessity for all countries to contribute their quota to ameliorate the crisis that threatens. In this respect the British Cabinet has earned congratulations for the speedy formulation of its plans, serving as a reminder that the initiative and boldness of Britain at war can be carried on into the peace. The immediate steps are to reduce imports of wheat, cancel all imports of rice and cut down stocks to a bare minimum. The long-term plan has as its main aim an increase in the acreage of wheat land in Britain. Here, wartime experience will stand in good stead. During the war, the land effort which aimed to make Britain a self-sufficient in food stuffs as possible, resulted in a production of nearly 3,500,000 tons in 1943 compared with 1,015,000 tons before the war. The fact that a relatively small country such as Britain, was able to increase wheat production by almost two million tons is highly significant; for the present world shortage is reckoned to amount to 5,000,000 tons. Britain, however, will not be able to start her new drive from the peak level of her war production. Intensification of wheat cultivation was intended as temporary wartime measure aimed primarily to release shipping space for war materials. Since June last, the country has begun to return to those forms of farming which are more in accordance with British agricultural economics. It is thus apparent that reversal to intensified wheat cultivation will mean an additional measure of sacrifice for Britain, and the difficulties will be intensified by manpower shortage. During the war, labour employed on the land declined to 100,000. To-day that gap is still unfilled—and Britain now needs every available worker to help restore her industrial productive capacity. Home requirements, accumulated after six years' deprivation, must be met—at least in part; and Britain's export trade, on which the country's future prosperity depends, must be rebuilt. The greater the labour that is turned to the land, the less there will be for industry. It looks as though the speed of demobilisation will need to be placed once again under review.

FRIEND OF KIMMEL

Washington, Feb. 6. Naval Capt. L. F. Safford, who admitted campaigning to clear Rear-Adm. Husband Kimmel of blame for the Pearl Harbour debacle, told Congressional investigators that "Admiral Kimmel did not know I was doing this."

Safford admitted writing a code letter to Capt. Alvin Krammer saying no one in the Washington high naval command in February, 1944, could be trusted, and Kimmel and the 1941 army commander in Hawaii, Maj. Gen. Walter Short, had been framed.—Associated Press.

DOCKYARD THEFT

For the larceny of a pair of woollen stockings, a sleeve and pair of trousers from H.M.S. *Edinburgh* on Feb. 5, a Naval Dockyard employee, Lee Ying, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwang at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Defendant was seen leaving the Yard by A. B. Foster, who arrested him.

NAVAL PATROL ROUTS PIRATES OUT OF LAIR

THE UNEXPECTED BUT TIMELY APPEARANCE OF A NAVAL PATROL BOAT AT A PIRATE HIDE-OUT LED TO THE EVENTUAL ARREST OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF A PIRATE GANG WHICH 48 HOURS EARLIER PIRATED A CARGO JUNK OF ITS CARGO OF 780 PICULS OF SALT.

THE SEVEN MEN, HONG SHUN, CHAN GHEE SHEK, LIP, CHAN MING, HU LEUNG, HO KO AND WONG FAT-MING, WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, CHARGED WITH PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS.

It was stated that they boarded the junk Kwong Lei Hing on Dec. 27 last year at Kowloon, within the waters of the Colony, and assaulted and put in fear of their lives members of the crew, and robbed the junk of its cargo of 780 piculs of salt.

The accused were each sentenced to nine years' hard labour.

Members of the Court were Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Mr. Horace Lo and Major C. F. Miles. Mr. F. X. d'Almada presided.

On a second count of carrying arms (two rifles, two revolvers and a Mauser pistol) no evidence was offered by the Crown after the accused had all pleaded not guilty.

After the accused had pleaded guilty to the charge of piracy, the President asked the prosecution to explain why counsel was not assigned to the defence of accused as the case was adjourned for this purpose last time.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that in view of the last case, the Cheung Chau ferry piracy—the prosecution had looked thoroughly into the matter and had found that the offence did not carry the death sentence. He added that only in a case where death sentence was involved would counsel be assigned to the defence.

Outlining the case, Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that the charge against the accused was that of piracy *jure gentium* which consisted of the destroying or the taking away of a ship or its cargo on the high seas within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, with acts of violence.

ON WAY TO HONG KONG

On Dec. 26 last year, he went on a sailing junk, Kwong Lei Hing, sailed from Kowloon with a crew of 12, three cargo owners and a passenger, carrying a cargo of 780 piculs of salt for Hong Kong. About 430 a.m. the following day the junk was near Po Tau Mun, just outside Lyeem Pass, it was overtaken by a Hok Lo boat and ordered to lower sails.

The pirate boat came alongside and six men, five of whom were armed, boarded the junk and ordered the crew to take the junk to Tai Mui. Here the junk's personnel, with the exception of two foks, were transferred to the pirate boat and imprisoned in the hold. The pirate boat then sailed to Po Toi.

Meanwhile, the pirated junk was taken by the pirates to Shamshui, arriving there on Dec. 8, but sailed again the same night for Cheung Chau.

On Dec. 29 a naval patrol boat under the charge of Major S. D. Smith, of the Royal Marines, put in at Po Toi. On arrival they observed someone jumping overboard from a nearby junk. The patrol gave chase in a sampans and Wu Leung, Wong Ko and Wong Fat-ming were arrested and brought back to the Colony.

ARRESTED ON FERRY

The next day Lieut. Balliff and a Chinese detective and Shek Hing, one of the cargo owners, went back to Cheung Chau where Shek immediately recognised the stolen junk. The first accused, Wong Shun, was apprehended on board the junk. Acting on information from him, the patrol intercepted the Cheung Chau ferry and arrested two other of the accused, Chan Chee and Shek Hap.

The last to be arrested, Chan Ming, was recognised by two of the cargo owners while walking along Tai Po Road.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that part of the cargo was recovered at Cheung Chau but part had been sold through a broker for N.C.\$54,000 of which N.C.\$50,000 were found on the broker.

Imposing sentence Mr. Leo d'Almada told accused that the only thing that saved them from a heavier sentence was the fact that no violence attended their crime. Nevertheless, he said, it was a serious crime to rob a defenceless junk.

"This Court has no doubt that had your defence offered resistance there would have been bloodshed in view of the fact that the seven of you were so heavily armed."

"There have been far too many robberies and piracies of this nature by persons taking advantage of honest seamen and cargo-carriers pursuing their normal avocations."

Readers' Letters

DARTS RULING

Sir,—In reply to darts player "A Blondie." "News of the World" ruling is that you go back to Double 20. Outside London, though, particularly the North Country, it is usually played on from the last double up, in this case Double 6. Just depends where you are playing or who you are playing with.

TIGERS

Sir,—Reference "Old Residents" letter. It may not be so well known that these fellows (Cartwright and Willoughby) used to live in Kowloon.

GIVE US A BREAK!

Sir,—May we suggest that you request your contributors, "Featherstonehaugh," "A. St. Q. Cartwright" and "Pola-Smythe" to direct their effusions to a vehicle more suited to such purple drelling e.g., "St. Jim's Weekly," "The Cad's Review" and other such drudge journals?

There have been many attempted imitations of the one and only P. G. Wodehouse and perhaps the less said about the present efforts the better. There may have been some grains of humour to come with the long drawn-out Crosby versus Sinatra correspondence, but we beg you, Sir, to spare your long-suffering readers from blithering ventures into the field of humourous writing by ink-stained adolescents.

TWO FRIGHTFUL BOUNDARIES

GERMAN OCCUPATION

Sir,—If you will kindly permit me the use of your columns I would like to point out some serious flaws in your editorial of Thursday, Feb. 6, mainly in connection with the political situation in Germany.

You find it a natural outcome of the four-power occupation policy, that in the western area the democratic system of government, and similarly, in the Russian zone, a sympathetic trend in favour of Communism. Far from this being so, Democracy has been actively fostered in the Russian zone, whilst in the west, the democratic political parties as well as such democratic organisations as trade unions and co-operatives have been an arduous task to emerge from the various bans and red tape imposed by the military government.

Let it be remembered that Marshal Zhukov gave his permission for political activity by all parties, except the Fascist organisations, within days of the signing of the armistice, whilst in the other hand weeks passed before even trade unions were permitted in the British zone, and then only provided they did not indulge in "political activity." Similarly, in Austria the three democratic parties, Catholics, Socialists and Communists, were allowed by the Russians to start campaigning for the forthcoming elections right from the start, whilst in the British zone all political parties were banned until about three weeks before polling day.

However it is not merely a case of fostering democratic political activity. The general question, which is bound up with the fulfilment of the Crimea and Berlin agreements, is the destruction of Fascism in Europe. And here we find only too often that in the western zone not only is Fascism not being destroyed energetically enough, but in some cases, no attempt is even made to dissolve the remains of the vile Hitlerite regime. The latest example of this is the alleged existence of a German-organised, self-contained army group, which just below the Danish border carries on, as if the German army had never done any harm to anyone. Recently the thin shell of outer forces of Hitler-Allied cooperation, co-operation with the Berlin agreement, the out-of-Nazis, and the active content of policy in the British, American and French

EVICION REFUSED

On the ground that the applicant had failed to prove conclusively to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that the opponents were not the sub-tenant, the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday dismissed an application for eviction brought by the U. S. C. C. against the Kwong Tai Hong of No. 389, Queen's Road Central, ground floor.

Hearing was before a Tribunal comprising of Messrs. Henry Leong, B. Wong Tane and Lu Tak-lam.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the applicants, while Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was for the opponents.

War On Black Market In Rice

A fine of \$500 was imposed on Chan Lan, proprietor of Lam Fook Cheung Rice Shop, by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for selling 100 catties of rice to Chan So at 67 cents a catty on Jan. 25.

Mr. H. S. Kwok, who appeared for the defendant, pleaded guilty but said that as the defendant was only selling New Territory rice or "Sze Mu" rice, different from the Government rice, he should be only cautioned.

Mr. E. X. d'Almada for the Crown asked the Court to take a serious view because Government wanted to prevent profiteering. The 100 catties of rice were confiscated to the Rice Control.

Another rice hawk, Kam Yiu, was found guilty by Mr. Latimer for selling 200 catties of Government rice to Wong Chung at 32 cents a catty on Jan. 25.

Accused pleaded guilty but stated he was only making an average profit of three cents a catty. Accused was arrested at Shan Tung Street, Kowloon.

A fine of \$250 was imposed and the rice confiscated to the Rice Control.

Mr. E. X. d'Almada presided with the assistance of Inspector Anderson.

Heavy Dealings In Currency

The gold market re-opened yesterday, after the Chinese New Year holidays, with buyers offering \$592 per tael but after touching 600 it weakened and at the close was quoted at \$586.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$4.80 to CN\$1,000 and remained steady till the afternoon when sustained buying raised the price to \$5.00 at the close.

The demand was, however, confined to spot transactions, with heavy buying by people who take the notes into the interior and coast ports for the purchase of goods, this being more advantageous than remitting through other channels.

Future opened at as low as HK\$4.50 to CN\$1,000, and remained about the same throughout the day.

U.S. dollars had buyers at \$6.40, English Sterling had buyers at \$18.80, and Australian pounds at \$13.60.

Banish Gaoled

A life banishment, Lau Yin-cheung, who was banished from the Colony on Jan. 24, 1941, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwang at the Summary Military Court yesterday with returning to Hong Kong without permission.

C.J.S. Jones said that defendant was arrested on information in connection with a larceny case. The prosecution was not offering evidence on this charge because of insufficient evidence.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Defendant asked to be banished to Macao where he had relatives. He said he was sent to a place where he knew no one.

Death Sentence For Slaying Chinese

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 6. AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE WAR CRIMINALS TRIALS IN KUALA LUMPUR, A CROWDED COURT SAW A CIVILIAN WITNESS IDENTIFY CORPORAL HAMADA, OF THE JAPANESE ARMY, AS THE MAN WHO TOOK PART IN THE MASS BAYONNETTING OF SEVEN DEFENCELESS CHINESE (INCLUDING THE WITNESS) IN THE SMALL VILLAGE OF KURLA KUBU IN APRIL 1944.

Hamada pleaded "Not-guilty" to the charge of being responsible for the deaths of these six persons.

The witness told how with six others he was bound and ordered into the house by Hamada. They were made to kneel down and were then bayoneted. Hamada taking part in the stabbing. Hamada then cut five men made a bolt for freedom. A shot and silence was the sequel. Witness himself, though badly wounded and escaped round the back of the house. He returned several hours later, and found five hundred bodies in the house, and the sixth a little way away, dead—killed apparently by a bullet through the head.

Another witness told of Hamada's last name in the district, and said he saw him borrow a bayonet from another soldier as the victims were being marched into the house. He saw Hamada shoot the man who tried to escape.

DEFENCE ARGUMENT The defending officer, a British Captain, suggested that the original identification parade, started to take out Hamada, was not in keeping with accepted practice. Three Chinese witnesses had been allowed to tour the Jap stockpiles and all had stopped and identified the accused once one of

their number had put his hand on Hamada's shoulder.

A Squadron-Leader who was also present at the parade, stated that recognition was instant, the three witnesses making a concerted move towards accused directly they came abreast of him.

Giving evidence on oath, Hamada talked variously at the opposite wall, the ceiling and his boots. He thought long on several questions. The defence maintained that the accused had been falsely and maliciously identified, that the principal witness was known to the Japs under another name and had been put in prison in July, 1945 and tortured by Hamada for alleged communist activities. He was therefore paying off old scores by identifying the prisoner on the parade.

Summing up, defending counsel submitted that the prosecution had failed to connect the accused with the crime.

DEATH SENTENCE At the second day's sittings Hamada was found guilty and was sentenced to death by hanging. The Court took but ten minutes to decide the sentence.

Hamada looked intently ahead of him as the interpreter translated the findings. He knitted his eyebrows when informed of the death penalty.

Proceedings against Sergeant Yamamoto, charged with the death of a civilian subsequent to the Jap surrender, are continuing.

Admiral Visits Repatriation Ships

ADMIRAL LORD FRASER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, YESTERDAY VISITED M. V. "HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN" AND H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" AT KOWLOON WHARF.

Admiral Lord Fraser, who was accompanied by Commodore D. H. Everett and Commander E. T. Larken, arrived on board the "Highland Chieftain" at 11 a.m. He was met by Captain D. R. Lee and Lieut.-Col. D. Watson and was conducted on a tour of the ship.

The "Highland Chieftain" is a 14,000 transport vessel owned by the Royal Mail Lines, which arrived in Hong Kong on Tuesday. She transported from Chinwangtao and Shanghai 1,125 R.A.F. personnel and of all nationalities. Passengers whose destination is Australia were transferred to H.M.S. "Bonaventure" before the "Highland Chieftain" left for the United Kingdom yesterday.

In the course of his inspection, Admiral Lord Fraser visited the passengers' living quarters and the messes. He chatted to many of the passengers and took a particular interest in several of the children. There have been complaints by the male passengers of the accommodation available to them, though the arrangements for women were described as excellent in the circumstances. Some men said they were compelled to sleep on the deck of a hold without port-holes.

At noon, Admiral Lord Fraser left the "Highland Chieftain" and crossed to the adjacent jetty to be piped aboard H.M.S. "Bonaventure."

Accompanied by the ship's commanding officer, Capt. W. R. Fell, R.N., he again inspected arrangements which had been made for the reception of the passengers.

H.M.S. "Bonaventure" is due to sail for Sydney this afternoon.

Repatrices for Australia and New Zealand transferred from the M.V. "Highland Chieftain" to H.M.S. "Bonaventure" total 128.

In addition, "Bonaventure" is taking 29 repatriates from Hong Kong and 70 naval ratings going home on demobilisation.

Disembarking here from the "Highland Chieftain" were Mr. O. Goldenberg, Mrs. A. E. Mrs. F. Blackley, Mrs. A. E. Howard-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. K. Ward and Miss M. Whalley.

FIRST RUN CINEMA The Management of the Central Theatre has announced that arrangements have been concluded whereby it will, as from February 12th, revert to the status of a first-run cinema at popular admission prices. The theatre has been completely renovated and equipped, with first-class sound and projection.

Big Seizure Of Cigarettes

A Chinese school-master from Canton, Ku Kong-yuen, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for unlawful possession of sixty-packets of Camel cigarettes, thirty-seven packets of Chesterfield, ten packets of Phillip Morris, ten packets of Lucky Strike and 110 packets of No. 1 Churchman.

Inspector White, who prosecuted, told the Court that R. Elms of No. 5 Commando searched the defendant's luggage in Lo Wu, N.T., and found the cigarettes. The English cigarettes were all marked N.A.A.F.I. and the American cigarettes bore a special seal.

As accused had been in police custody since Feb. 2, the magistrate considered it sufficient punishment to order confiscation of the cigarettes.

Gutter Brand Cigarettes

A manufacturer of "refinished" cigarettes appeared before Mr. C. Y. Kwang at the Summary Military Court yesterday on charges of possession of dutiable tobacco and manufacturing same without a permit.

The defendant, Kwong Ping, was remanded till Saturday on bail of \$200.

It was alleged by the prosecution that defendant gathered tobacco from cigarette ends and rolled them as cigarettes with a view of offering them for sale.

New Year Night Incident

Li Chow, 22, fitter, and Chan Yi, 18, servant boy, were each fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. A. E. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday for obstructing a Police officer and throwing stones at them, respectively.

It was alleged that second accused threw stones and fire-crackers at Emergency Unit constable Almeida in Wellington Street on Chinese New Year's night.

Mr. Arculli warned that heavy sentences would be passed in future cases of a similar nature.

BRIBE OFFER-ALLEGED

Wong Shun, 38, master of the motor junk "Lee Fat," and Ohuk Chi-yin, 40, engineer, were charged before Mr. A. E. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday with offering a bribe of \$20 to four members of a Naval Patrol in Connaught Road Central on Feb. 4.

The case was adjourned to Feb. 11, and bail of \$200 each was allowed.

OPIUM BAILS

Five balls found in the possession of Chau Lin, when analysed, were found to be consist of raw opium.

Accused was arrested by L/Opl. Trevis, No. 6 Commando, at the Lo Wu frontier post on Jan. 30. Summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, accused pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of eight taels of raw opium. A fine of \$800 or two months was imposed. Inspector White prosecuted.

Cobham, Kent, F. B. 1. Sir Herbert Baker, eminent architect, who designed India House in London, died here last night at the age of eight-four.—Reuter.

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"No following appointments a made with effect as from the dates stated—

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R.A.F. MAN'S EXPERIENCE Only White Man In Borneo Village

Good Humour at U.N.O. Meeting

London, Feb. 6. Inside the United Nations—little more than a room in the old building at 50, Whitehall—there has been a scene of good humour and good nature in the Security Council today. The meeting was the first since the arrival of the new members, the United States, France, the Republic of China, and the Soviet Union, and the first since the departure of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

When Hector MacNeil, a Scotsman on the United Kingdom delegation, referred jokingly to a "subject country" of the United Kingdom, the Scotsman, who had been in the room since the beginning of the meeting, said: "I have to call you to order on that."

Major Demonstration By C.I.O. Strikers
NEW YORK, FEB. 6. A MASSIVE C.I.O. DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN STRIKE FUND WAS HELD TODAY. AND PREDICTED TO BE ONE OF IMMEDIATE FEDERAL SEIZURE OF THE STRIKE FUND. AFTER THE TUGS AT THE HARBOUR, THE STRIKE FUND HAD REJECTED A SETTLEMENT OFFERED BY MAYOR WILLIAM

Mosquito That Force-Landed

SINGAPORE, FEB. 6. AFTER SPENDING THREE WEEKS AS THE SOLE WHITE MAN IN A NATIVE VILLAGE IN BORNEO, A SHEFFIELD AIRMAN HAS AT LAST REACHED HIS BASE AT LABUAN AND HAS LANDED IN THE BAY OF BRUNEI.

He is Sgt. Arthur Lloyd of the R.A.F. Mosquito. Lloyd was the navigator of a R.A.F. Mosquito aircraft which was forced to land in a native village in Borneo when its long-range tank failed to operate. The aircraft, one of five making the flight, had to make a forced landing on an emergency airstrip that the Japanese had made but used only twice, near Labuan, about 350 miles from Labuan.

The airstrip was overgrown with grass to a height of three feet, and had two bomb craters in the middle. The Mosquito touched down safely but its tail wheel became bogged in the swampy ground.

All Labuan's inhabitants rushed out to welcome the visitors who were the first white men they had seen for 6 years. They helped to extricate the Mosquito, and when they tried to move the aircraft, its undercarriage gave way.

Next day, a Catalina flew out to see what had become of the Mosquito.

Atomic Proposals

Philadelphia, Feb. 6. Harold Stassen, former Republican Governor of Minnesota, proposed yesterday an atomic armament programme be incorporated in the official United States policy on atomic energy and be presented to the United Nations Organisation for adoption.

He proposed an international law to control the manufacture and possession and use of atomic weapons, mandatory inspection and accounting of all materials used in the manufacture of atomic energy, registration of all atomic research scientists and localities of their laboratories, extension of these controls to all other arms.

He also suggested the State Department needs "a higher quality of personnel for the enlarged role in world affairs."

AMERICAN INTEREST IN EUROPE

Honolulu, Feb. 6. America is still more interested in Europe than the Pacific, said Robert McLean, president of the Associated Press and the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin," arriving on an Orient tour.

McLean said: "We haven't done so well in Europe since the war's ending while things seem to go smoothly in the Pacific. This situation tends to throw interest where trouble is."

He and two other publishers studying United States news problems in the Pacific will be visiting Japan, Korea and China.

Italian's Surprise Testimony

Yokohama, Feb. 6. An Italian national employed by an American Army quartermaster depot gave a surprise testimony that he saw Captain Kitaro Ishida mistreat American prisoners of war as charged before the United States Commission.

The witness, Dominico Zin, dressed in a United States Army uniform of a civilian worker, said he was part of the crew of the Italian vessel "Calice" caught in Kobe harbour in September 1943 by the Italian surrender. After receiving orders to run for an allied port or scuttle, the ship was sunk in Kobe harbour and the crew taken prisoner.

They were interned at the Hirahata camp and separated from the Americans by a fence. Zin described the beatings given the American prisoner who picked up oranges which fell from Ishida's bicycle. He said Ishida and a guard did the beating. The American was forced to hold his head in a tub of water and beaten each time he pulled it out. He said that he drank so much water that it filled his belly and then he was kicked in the belly.

AUSSIES VOLUNTEER FOR EXECUTIONS

Melbourne, Feb. 6. Volunteer riflemen from Australian battalions will execute Japanese war criminals sentenced to death, it was disclosed today. A spokesman at the Australian Army Headquarters said that most, and probably all Japanese would be shot as hanging is probably repugnant to the commanders charged with carrying out sentences.

The first criminals are unlikely to be executed before Feb. 23.

Press Role In Future World Peace

LONDON, FEB. 6. MR. PHILIP NOEL-BAKER SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MUST HAVE A CENTRALIZED GENERAL HEADQUARTERS TO ENABLE THE PRESS OF THE WORLD TO DO A COMPETENT JOB IN INTERPRETATION OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACHIEVEMENTS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

He foresaw a constant series of conferences going on at this Headquarters, attracting "the most informed and intelligent newsmen," whose "life work will be understanding these institutions and the work and interpreting it to the outside world."

Mr. Noel-Baker told the Social and Economic Council that the activities of the United Nations are split up over a globe there can be no consistently competent news coverage of its affairs.

He added that "the peace of the world ultimately rests" on the public being fully informed.

He cited pest control as one instance where unification would be helpful, saying that during the war years, rats in India caused a loss of food in peacetime.

The control of such a pest, Mr. Noel-Baker said, by operating instructional units set up by the United Nations to go from country to country would be "one big contribution to the welfare of mankind."

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TOO MUCH SPENDING

Washington, Feb. 6. Senator Robert Taft, Ohio Republican, declared in a speech on Saturday that "we already have inflation" through the action of a government which has "lost all sense of moderation or sound permanent policy."

The Republican leader said that all hopes for further tax reduction "must be abandoned if President Truman's programme for spending is adopted."

He said every recommendation of the president calls for more spending.

KOREAN INVITE

Seoul, Feb. 6. A cultural organisation has invited the United States writers, Sinclair Lewis and Upton Sinclair, to visit Korea and interest themselves in Korean problems.

The organisation said it would welcome the counsel of "liberal minded writers to reacquaint us with the world of literary and intellectual beings."

WOMAN TO DIE

Vienna, Feb. 6. Eva Illing was yesterday sentenced to death by a firing squad for participation in the murder of a Russian major.

The officer's body was found near the woman's home last October with part of his clothing stolen.

Eva accused her German boy friends of the murder but they were never apprehended.

Iranian Hopes

Teheran, Feb. 5. Close friends of Premier Ahmed Qavam said yesterday that the new Prime Minister may himself head the Iranian Mission to Moscow for negotiations in the dispute over troubled Azerbaijan province.

The Premier, reputed to be friendly to Russia, has "strong hopes for a successful outcome of the Russo-Iranian negotiations," a close political adviser said.

A spokesman of the Minister of Foreign Affairs said that All Aloff, recently appointed Russian Charge d'Affaires at Teheran, "officially advised the Premier that Moscow is ready to receive the Iranian mission for discussions."

No announcement was made as to when the mission would leave.

Outlaw A Local Hero

Athens, Feb. 5. The Greek outlaw Evangelos Maniatis, who led the action of several thousand armed supporters of the ultra Royalist Organisation in the Greek port of Calamata a fortnight ago, made a new bid on a village in southern Peloponnese this week-end, kidnapping 20 villagers and murdering three of them. It was officially reported today. Seventeen of the captured villagers were later released, the report added.

Colonel Papadopoulos, commander of the government forces in southern Peloponnese, is reported to have started a drive to capture Maniatis and the government has put a price of \$500 on his head.

The bandit's movements are aided by the fact that since the outbreak at Calamata, he has become a local hero in the eyes of the Royalist population.

TITO CABINET

Belgrade, Feb. 6. Marshal Tito, who is Prime Minister of the Yugoslav Federated Republic, yesterday announced his Cabinet and told Parliament that all parties "have agreed to my choice."

Tito, who was Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence in the old "Liberation Government" has retained his Defence portfolio.

Ten girls left Brisbane by air for Manila today as employees of the United States Far East Air Force. They include eight Australians, an American and a French woman. They will replace the 16 girls brought back from Manila because they had left without clearance papers by the Commonwealth.

Delegates of Lebanon and Iraq yesterday insisted before the United Nations Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee that the problem of Jewish refugees in Europe must be kept separate from the Palestine issue.

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Present To Legion

London, Feb. 5. A country mansion near Sevenoaks, Kent, has been presented to the British Legion by Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill. It is to be used as a rehabilitation centre and convalescent home for men who served in the war.

Brigadier-General E. R. Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the British Legion, stated that the house would be used for constructive purposes—not for permanently disabled men but for those who required a period of convalescence on leaving hospital or who broke down at their work and wanted a period of rest.

The mansion, Kippington Court, was given to Mr. and Mrs. Churchill by Mr. Charles Alfred Hopkins, a London hotel proprietor and estate dealer as a mark of appreciation of Mr. Churchill as the "architect of victory."

NUERNBERG STILL ON QUI VIVE

Nuernberg, Feb. 5. Brigadier-General Leroy H. Watson yesterday announced that additional measures have been taken "to protect the Nuernberg Palace of Justice from any possibility of attack."

The measures included location of machine-gun emplacements at strategic points inside the big courthouse where the 22 Nazi chiefs are being tried.

"We aren't looking for any trouble but to be on the safe side we are increasing our fire power just in case," the General said. He said there were no indications that things would be other than quiet.

Peiping, Feb. 6. When replacements arrive this month virtually all members of the United States 5th Marine Regiment will be starting for home.

Brigadier-General Louis Jones, Area Marine Commander, announced today. The General said he believed a similar replacement will be made throughout the 1st Marine Division.

GERMANS WANT A NAZI PURGE

Berlin, Feb. 5. Delegates to the Greater Berlin Convention of the Free German Trade Union Federation yesterday elected a Central Executive Board of 15 Communists, 12 Socialists and three Christian Democrats. There were nearly 6,000 delegates to the two-day convention who adopted resolutions urging more war criminal trials to purge Germany of Nazism and petitioned the occupying authorities to make the country a single economic unit as soon as possible.

WEST HAM ANXIOUS

London, Feb. 4. West Ham United officials, who again approached the Minister of Works for licence to make the bomb-damaged parts of Upton Park safe.

This was the result of several thousand spectators breaking in and setting West Ham's Cup tie with Arsenal free.

G. Paynter, West Ham's manager, said that the loss of "a few money was not their first consideration," but the fact they are worried about the possibility of accidents.

NOTICE

We have perused documents in the possession of Mr. K. I. Lee (Lee Kai Yan). They show that on the 14th January, 1946 Mr. Lee on his own accord tendered resignation, and on the 16th the Sze On & Company accepted the resignation with expressions of gratitude. The wording of the advertisement inserted by the said Company on 25th and 26th January was somewhat unfortunate, and we are instructed to insert this advertisement to inform the public of the true position.

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Italian
Peace Plan

Washington, Feb. 5.
Secretary of State James Byrnes announced that Russia had replied favourably to the American suggestion to discuss an interim peace plan for Italy aimed at giving the country greater autonomy.

Britain's favourable reply has been on hand nearly a month. Regarding Ambassador Alberto Tarchiani's conference with Byrnes yesterday, diplomatic officials said the visit highlighted the opening stages of the "bargaining period" in the negotiations to conclude the final treaty.

Tarchiani's visit was described generally as a "new plan for Italy's cause."
Italian officials here, meanwhile, expressed gratitude over week-end reports from London that the United States proposed to draw a boundary giving the Trieste and Arsa coal region to Italy despite anticipated protests from Yugoslavia. — Associated Press.

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Atomic Secrets
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WASHINGTON, FEB. 5.
A DRIVE TO PUT STRINGENT TOP SECRET LABEL ON THE RESULTS OF THE COMING ATOMIC TESTS IN THE PACIFIC TO-DAY DREW FRESH SUPPORT IN CONGRESS. SOME MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE SAID THEY WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE PROVISION WRITTEN BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. THIS LEAVES IT TO THE SECRETARIES OF WAR AND NAVY WHETHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN ANY OF THE TEST DATA.

Naval Aid
For China

Washington, Feb. 5.
The House Naval Committee has approved a bill to allow President Truman to transfer small American naval vessels to China.

If Congress should approve such action in advance, the bill could be expanded to include the transfer of battleships, cruisers, and other large type ships, but they are not included in the present draft of the legislation.

The Committee's chairman, Mr. Vinson, the Georgia Democrat, said that Admiral Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, advised the Committee that the Government does not now contemplate giving battleships or other heavy type ships, but might desire to do so later.

The House and Senate must pass the bill.
The committee also revised the bill to limit to five years the authorization for a United States Naval Mission of 100 Officers and 200 enlisted men in China. Another amendment allows the Navy to transfer equipment and materials to China to maintain the transferred ships.

The Committee was informed that Great Britain has also offered to give China some light cruisers and destroyers. — Associated Press.

TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Washington, Feb. 5.
The House Naval Committee yesterday called for details on the proposed transfer of some small warships to China, summoning witnesses from the office of Admiral Chester Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, to testify on the bill.

Presumably witnesses will discuss the number of vessels involved.
Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, who recommended the legislation in a letter to Chairman Carl Vinson, described the proposed transfer as in the interests of the United States, because the warships under the Chinese flag could make a "substantial contribution toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific." — Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 5.
President Truman yesterday held a hurriedly called conference with Labour Secretary Schwabach and C.I.O. President Philip Murray in a redoubt White House effort to end the steel strike.
Neither Murray nor Schwabach were willing to comment at the end of a half hour session but the Labour Secretary said: "We came out smiling." — Associated Press.

The Committee's ranking Republican member, Sterling Cole, of New York, told a reporter he wants the clause now contained in the legislation authorizing atomic tests to be replaced by one imposing a strong secrecy rule. Cole revealed he was drafting an amendment to have the results of the test of the explosions cloaked with secrecy and similar data about any other new military weapons.

"I think the measure as it now stands gives the armed forces too much discretion. We want to tighten it up," said Cole.

Many Congress members feel like Chairman Vinson, Georgia Democrat, that military leaders would be the last to give away atomic secrets which might later be turned against the United States in the event of war.
"I am very definitely of the opinion that we should keep our atomic secrets," commented Representative Drewry, Virginia Democrat, "but I trust Army and Navy leaders to do that." — Associated Press.

National Guard
Plans

Washington, Feb. 5.
Army plans for a post-war National Guard with an initial strength of 425,000 enlisted men was disclosed yesterday by the House Military Committee.

The plans were submitted at a secret meeting last week of a sub-committee appointed by Chairman May, Democrat of Kentucky, to draft a new National Defence Act. While the initial objective of the guard has been set at 425,000 men exclusive of officers, Committee members said the Army hopes eventually to boost its personnel to a total of 750,000.

The Army's detailed plans make no mention of universal military training but, it is assumed, the members said, that many trained under the military training law will join with the national guard units. — Associated Press.

ITALIAN TREATY

Washington, Feb. 5.
Government officials yesterday said an American draft to supplant the present Italian armistice pact had been submitted to the United States Army and Navy Departments for study.
These officials described it as a preliminary step before the draft is dispatched to London and Moscow. American military and naval officials expected to complete their studies of the new draft this week. — Associated Press.

Situation
Stable

Chungking, Feb. 5.
The "Democracy Daily," newly published mouthpiece of the Democratic League, yesterday predicted that General Marshall would probably return to the United States after the National Assembly scheduled to open in Nanking on May 5.
Meanwhile, the Government is expecting shortly to announce the abolition of two inspection groups recently formed for the purpose of observing the situation at the "front."
This decision is believed to have been taken because the situation, apart from what at most might be a few isolated clashes, is considered sufficiently stable to dispense with the necessity of inspection by these groups, one of which was nominated by the Political Consultative Conference and the other by the People's Political Council. — Associated Press.

Waste In
The Pacific

Shanghai, Feb. 6.
Billions of dollars' worth of new equipment are deteriorating in the Pacific area and cannot be brought back by the government because of the Surplus Property Law, Representative Ritzley, Republican of Oklahoma said yesterday.

He returned on Monday after travelling with the members of the House Naval and Agriculture Committee to the islands of the Pacific and China and Japan.

Ritzley recommended that the law be changed immediately saying that Navy officials had informed him that ships were available to return surplus equipment. He said the Committee saw much new heavy equipment in the Pacific still in crates. Because of the climate, he said, it will deteriorate to a point where it will be worth little in two years.
The Oklahomaan declared that the United States must retain and maintain naval or military bases on Guam, Johnson, Saipan, Iwojima, Okinawa and Tinian. — Associated Press.

30,000 POLITICAL
PRISONERS

Chungking, Feb. 5.
The "Kuo Ming Kung Pao" yesterday asserted the Government would in a few days announce the release of political prisoners of whom it is estimated there were about 30,000.

It said that the "Young Marshal" Chang Hsueh-liang, and General Yang Hu-cheng, who were responsible for detaining Chiang Kai-shek at Sian in December, 1936, would be among those freed. (Minister of Information K. C. Wu recently said that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and Yang Hu-cheng were not considered political prisoners). — Associated Press.

TRIUMPH ARCH

Chungking, Feb. 6.
A "Triumph Arch" is being erected in Canton "in commemoration of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's leadership and achievements in the War of Resistance," it is learned here today. — Reuter.

Wedemeyer's Reply To
Canton Students

CANTON, FEB. 6.
LT. GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMAYER, COMMANDING U.S. FORCES IN CHINA, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR A STRONG AND UNITED CHINA IN A REPLY TO THE STUDENTS OF CANTON UNIVERSITY WHO SENT TO THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN CHINA THROUGH THE GENERAL THEIR NEW YEAR GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR GREAT HELP TO THIS COUNTRY.

The text of the letter released by Prof. Wang Chi-yuen of the University follows:
"It would like to express to students of Canton University sincere appreciation on behalf of all officers and men of the American armed forces in China for your fine letter of New Year's greetings."

"As you say, most of us would like to be at home with loved ones and friends at this time. Although the end of the war has meant the cessation of hostilities, it has not meant the cessation of effort toward a lasting and prosperous peace.
"We Americans who remain in China to work beside your great people toward this end are proud and happy that we have been chosen to do this task.
"The New Year will bring to us

SAWADA ON TRIAL

Shanghai, Feb. 6.
Lieut. General Sawada, who was captured by the Chinese, that passed death sentence on three of General Doolittle's associates in 1942, has been brought to Shanghai from Japan to face war-crime trials here.
Sawada, who was the former commander of the Japanese 13th Army, is the highest ranking officer held in the Doolittle case which is expected to reach its trial stage in about two weeks. — Associated Press.

China's Greatest
Experiment

(By Doon Campbell)

CHUNGKING, FEB. 6.
AFTER YEARS OF FEUDALISTIC GOVERNMENT AND YEARS OF ONE-PARTY RULE, THE CHINESE ARE REACTING WITH ENTHUSIASM TO THE FRESH CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY CREATED FOR THE NATION OUT OF THE THREE-WEEK CONSULTATION CONFERENCE OF 38 POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LEADERS.
GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK WAS SPEAKING FOR MILLIONS WHEN HE SAID: "IN OUR SOCIETY THERE IS VAGUENESS ABOUT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT BY LAW AND ABIDING BY LAW IS FEEBLE. TO ADVOCATE DEMOCRACY WE SHOULD FIRST ACCUSTOM OURSELVES TO GOVERNMENT BY LAW."

What is happening in China to-day is one of the greatest national experiments in the history of the modern world. Democracy is going to be given a chance to work.

Editorial space in all sections of the Chungking press has been given over to the developments of the past three weeks. Some say they are "momentous" and some say they are "unprecedented."

Students search history for an analogy. There is none. America started off with democracy. Some liken China's state to-day to Britain's emergency from the serfdom period.

Here is what Chungking's leading papers have said on this subject. The Catholic organ "Yi Shih Pao": "The decisions of the Political Consultation Conference must be implemented without delay. The Government must be reorganised and the freedom of the people guaranteed."

HUGE SUCCESS
The independent "Work Daily News" regretted that some of the Conference's decisions were "strictly speaking undemocratic" and warned that the "people want real democracy—they may be deceived for a moment, but not forever."

The Army's "Peace Daily News" said: "The decisions are mere scraps of paper if they are not implemented."

The independent "Citizen's Daily" said: "The P.C.C. was a huge success," while the Communist organ "New China Daily News" stated: "The decisions of the Conference are initial steps towards realization of democracy."

The "Ta Kung Pao," one of China's most influential papers, declared: "From now on all the parties must put their shoulder to the wheel of national rejuvenation." The Kuomintang Party organ, "Central Daily News" said: "It is beyond question that the rights of people in all areas under the jurisdiction of the Government will be adequately safeguarded." — Reuter.

HONAN AGREEMENT

Chungking, Feb. 6.
Hostilities in China's abiding civil strife receded farther, with the announcement yesterday of an agreement reached between the Communist and Nationalist military commanders in northern Honan province.
In Tientsin, however, headquarters of the 14th Chinese Government army claimed the Communists had attacked three villages, disrupting communications on the Tientsin-Pukow railroad. — Associated Press.

CHINA'S CO-CAPITAL

Chungking, Feb. 6.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at a press conference yesterday, said the seat of China's Government would be established in Nanking before May, but Chungking will remain "a co-capital in democracy."

The Generalissimo expressed approval of General MacArthur's administration of Japan as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and said China might send troops to join in the army of occupation. — Associated Press.

CHINESE ENVOY

Chungking, Feb. 6.
Yut Sun-shi, Chinese Consul-General in New York for the last ten years, has been appointed Ambassador to Rome. It was learned yesterday.
Doctor P. H. Chang, Chinese Cabinet spokesman since 1942, is to succeed Yut in New York. — Associated Press.

SHANGHAI OUTBREAK

Shanghai, Feb. 6.
City health officials today reported there was an outbreak of spinal meningitis and urged that stringent sanitary measures be taken to control the epidemic.
"Twenty-three cases" have been reported so far in Shanghai hospital. — Associated Press.

BRIDGE
NOTES

To-day's Crime is contributed by a Baltimore reader:

South Dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

S. J 5	H. J 6 3
H. 5 2	D. K J 9 6
D. A 8 2	C. 9 5 4 2
C. 10 7 8	

The bidding:
South West North East
1B. Pass 1NT Pass
2H. Pass 4H. Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass

"West opened a trump," writes our contributor. "South winning with the seven. Declarer promptly cashed the spade Ace and led another spade. West winning with the spade Queen and returning another trump. South won and led a spade, ruffing with dummy's heart ten, but East over-ruffed with the Jack (which he had saved for just that purpose). Thereafter, South ruffed his fourth spade but had to lose his fifth spade and a diamond, going down one."

"North observed, at that point, that all the butchers aren't in the meat business; but refused to say how he thought the hand should have been played. Was South actually at fault, or was he just unlucky?"

South was a criminal, but he was also unlucky. It was very unfortunate to find a 5-1 spade break; particularly with East in position to over-ruff the dummy. But South need not have exposed himself to this risk. Correct play is to lead a diamond at the second trick. A trump return can be won with dummy's ten, after which South ruffs a diamond. The Jack of clubs is entry for another diamond ruff; and the King of clubs enables dummy to draw East's last trump. Declarer thus makes four trumps, two ruffs, three clubs, and one spade—a total of ten tricks. Two ruffs were needed for the contract; and South should have seen that ruffing the short diamond suit was safer than ruffing the long spade suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S-K J 9 7 3
H-Q
D-8 4 2
C-Q J 6 5

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You. Major
1 D Pass 1 S Pass
2 NT Pass (?)

Answer: Bid three clubs. You are too strong to pass, yet, wish to discourage a no-trump contract because of your singleton heart. Bidding the clubs shows that you probably have an unbalanced hand and warns against a return to no-trump, unless your partner can surely take care of the unbid suit.
Score: 100 per cent for three clubs; 40 per cent for three diamonds; or three spades; 20 per cent for three no-trumps.

QUESTION

To-day, you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacoby You. Major
1 D Pass 1 S Pass
2 NT Pass 5 C Pass
3 H Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow)

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U.S. War Department
Kidding About WivesIndo-China
Situation
EasierSAIGON, FEB. 6.
HERALDING "COMPLETE
RESTORATION OF PEACE
AND ORDER" IN ALL COCHIN-
CHINA AND SOUTHERN AN-
NAM, GENERAL LEOLIERO
ISSUED A SPECIAL ORDER
OF THE DAY TO HIS TROOPS
HERE ON MONDAY.The full re-establishment of
French sovereignty in the remainder
of Indo-China, south of the
16th parallel, was announced
simultaneously by a military
spokesman. Between the 15th and
16th parallels further opposition
is expected from Annamites in
filleting from Chinese occupied
territory.North of the 16th parallel, re-
ports say that for the first time
officially, French commandos with
the permission of the Chinese
are operating against Annamites
in the zone permitted the Chinese
by the terms of the Potsdam
Conference.To date, this zone has been a
revolutionary republic, Viet Nam
with its own government and
army. Associated Press.EXTENSION OF UNION
OF S. AFRICA

Capetown, Feb. 6.

The incorporation of South
West Africa in the Union of
South Africa was urged last night
by a delegation representing the
Nationalist Party of South West
Africa in an interview with
General Jan Smuts, Prime Minis-
ter.Arrangements to consult the
population of the territory were
reported to be under way. —Reuter.THE CHIEFS OF FOUR SECTIONS OF ALLIED HEAD-
QUARTERS YESTERDAY EXPRESSED UNANIM-
OUS AGREEMENT THAT OCCUPATION PLANS
WERE SERIOUSLY IMPEDED BY THE RATE OF
DEMOBILISATION.

TOKYO, FEB. 6.

The chiefs of four sections of Allied head-
quarters yesterday expressed unani-
mous agreement that occupation plans
were seriously impeded by the rate of
demobilisation.Brigadier-General Ken R.
Dyke, Chief of the Information
and Education Section, Colonel
H. I. T. Creswell, Chief of the
Civil Intelligence Section,
Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Schenck,
Chief of the Natural Resources
Section and Colonel C. F. Sams,
Chief of the Public Health and
Welfare Section, were asked at a
Press Club dinner whether the
recent statement by the Secre-
tary of War, Mr. Patterson,
that the occupation was not af-
fected by speedy demobilisation
was true.They were also asked when
military personnel would be re-
placed by civilians.All four declared that they
were losing their key personnel
much faster than they were able
to replace them and said that
there was extreme difficulty in
obtaining competent skilled civil-
ian personnel to take the place
of the military.The expressed opinion that
the men needed in Japan have
careers at home and would not
begin to come out to Japan for
a year or two.Colonel Dyke said the men
wanted must "have a sense of a
mission" and that Japan is "no
place for amateurs." Dyke, who
is returning on home leave
shortly, said he expects to per-
suade some of the type of men
needed to come out.

JUST KIDDING

Asked whether the War De-
partment statement recently that
wives could come to Japan by
the middle of the year war "just
kidding" one officer replied
"Yes."He pointed out that the War
Department order stated that
wives could come if the theatre
Commander said there was suf-
ficient housing and medical care
and food for them, and yet the
War Department orders no
money to be spent on housing."All the War Department is
doing is passing the buck to the
theatre Commander," one offi-
cer said, adding that the skilled
personnel needed in Japan were
not going to leave their families
and come out alone. —Associated
Press.Demonstration By
Anti-FascistsMexico City, Feb. 6.
An "anti-Fascist" demonstration
to-day brought about a stoppage
of work by 1,250,000 members
of the Mexican Labour Confed-
eration, temporarily paralyzing the
nation's industrial strength.The stoppage lasted for four
hours in all States and for one
hour in the capital. The only
semblance of violence reported
were a few traffic disorders when
workers forced taxis to the
curbs and throttled the street
car service.The demonstrations were in
observance of the anniversary of
the nation's constitution 20 years
ago. —Associated Press.

WOODCOCK FIGHT

London, Feb. 6.
Tom Hurst, manager of Bruce
Woodcock, British heavyweight
champion, states that he may fight
one of three Americans before his
bout in Elba with Freddie Mills,
British cruiserweight.Meanwhile, Ted Broadbent,
manager of Mills, states that he
is still awaiting definite news of
the champion's release from the
R.A.F., adding he expected him
home from India this month in
plenty of time to get ready for
the Woodcock affair. —Reuter.

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SUNDAY'S
SOFTBALL

(By "ONLOOKER")

In Sunday's softball, interest
will centre on the game between
Way Fong and the Baseballers
who now share top place, each
having lost a game. In their re-
turn game, which starts at 11 a.m.
sharp, a defeat for either of them
may mean that hopes for Cham-
pionship honours must go with
the wind.The Madcaps will cross bats
with the Cyclones at 9.30 a.m.
sharp. Rivalry, as usual with the
youngsters, will be keen and an
interesting match is anticipated in
the Madcaps-Cyclones tussle.Manager "Senior" Marker will
lead the Cyclones in an all-out
effort to down the favoured-to-win
Madcaps. What they lack in
experience they can be depended
on to make up with enthusiasm.As both sides are well-trimmed,
the fast-stepping Way Fong and
the "Playboy" Baseballers will be
close fighting from start to finish.
Way Fong hurler "Sunny" Brown
will have a stiff test against
clouters of the entire David
Leonard, "Doc" Gosano and Stan
Leonard, "Sunny" who has been
playing steady ball and with a
hurricane cane behind him, is
expected to come out of it with
sails flying. Both teams will prob-
ably play the same ten as in the
first encounter.Following is the League stand-
ing to date:

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
H.K.B.C.	6	5	1	.833
Way Fong	6	5	1	.833
Madcaps	5	3	2	.600
Cyclones	5	1	4	.200
Ohung Iwa	6	1	5	.167

This scribe has been asked time
and again if there is any possi-
bility of an International Series
being organised this season, and
the answer is still: "Search me!"

Washington, Feb. 6.

President Truman met for an
hour yesterday with his Cabinet.An aide said the session
was largely devoted to the critical
need for wheat and other grains
in liberated Europe. —Associated
Press.

Week-End Soccer

The following is the soccer pro-
gramme for this week-end:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Navy "A" v. R.A.F.

(Navy ground, at 2.15 p.m.)

Referee:—R.P.O. J. R. Bartlett.

Linesmen:—Sgt. G. Thorne and
Sgt. D. Oherrie.

Eastern v. 44 R.M. Cio.

(Navy ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee:—C.P.O. J. H. Rogers.

Linesmen:—L/S. D. Sparrow
and Mr. E. Taylor.

Kwong Wah v. Civilians "B"

(Recrolo ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Sgt. L. Pollitt.

Linesmen:—Messrs. N. T. Del-
gado and A. R. Smy.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Civilians "A" v. R. Engineers

(Chatham Road, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Mr. A. McCorkindale.

Linesmen:—Mr. J. A. Tibble and
Sgt. G. Thorne.

South China "A" v. Navy "B"

(Navy ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Mr. K. K. Ip.

Linesmen:—L. L. G. Young
and Mr. F. A. Barretto.HOME SOCCER
DECISION

London, Feb. 6.

The Management Committee of
the Football League has decided
to recommend to the next general
meeting of clubs that a full cham-
pionship programme be instituted
next season with promotion and
relegation.The chief opposition to restora-
tion of promotion and relegation
comes from the South, but it is
generally thought they will be out-
voted by the large number in the
North and the Midlands, who are
keen to get back to the struggle
for peacetime honours. —Reuter.

LEAVING ON DEMOB.

Among the passengers on
H.M.S. Bonaventure, leaving for
Sydney to-day is A. B. James F.
Forrest who has been attached
to the Naval Information Liaison
Division, Hongkong, for the past
few months.He is on his way home, Glas-
gow, for demobilisation.
As a meteorological rating, he
served aboard the escort carrier,
H.M.S. Arcturion, for two years and
came to Hongkong in October
1945 to assist in establishing the
Meteorological centre.In private life, Forrest was a
free lance journalist and while
here, in addition to his work with
Naval Information, he contributed
a number of articles, "Characters
in Places" to the "Sunday
Herald."

FRIENDLY CRICKET

H.M.S. Duke of York will meet
Headquarters, Royal Air Force, in
a friendly cricket game on the
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NAVY DISCOVERS JAP SECRETS AT KURE

(By Dave Hancock)

Homma Admits Ordering Bataan March

Manila, Feb. 6. — Lieut. General Homma admitted under cross-examination today that he issued the order for the Bataan "march of death" of 70,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war to prison camps in Central Luzon in 1942.

He concluded: "I am morally responsible for anything that happened under my command."

Lieutenant General Masaharu Homma said the first assault against "Corregidor" failed miserably in 1942 and he was doubtful of success when the Americans lay on food and ammunition, surrendered.

"If the Americans had counter-attacked he would have been driven into the sea," he said. He lost 31 fishing boats and other vessels on the first night in storming the island but only a small number of troops and three tanks.

Homma said he was "shocked" when Lieut. General Jonathan Wainwright said he could surrender his troops only in the Manila Bay area and, therefore, ordered the resumption of artillery fire.

He said he took strong court-martial proceedings against any of his soldiers accused of misbehavior against war prisoners. Associated Press.

THE EXCUSE

Manila, Feb. 6. — Lieut. General Masaharu Homma testified yesterday at his war crimes trial that he saw "some very heavy hunger" in Bataan and American captives prisoners but he did not order the Bataan Death March in which 17,000 Filipino and American prisoners died, Homma said the Japanese were desperately short of transportation for their own needs, involving that transportation of prisoners by truck was impossible.

Homma stressed and asserted his opposition to the warlike policies of Premier Hideki Tojo and asserted that he, Gen. Homma, was removed from the Philippines Command because of his alleged pro-British leanings. He claimed that he headed a pro-British group in the Japanese Army. Associated Press.

Bid To End Greek Issue Friction

LONDON, FEB. 6. — THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE, MR. N. J. O. MAKIN, OPENED THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY NIGHT WITH A PROPOSAL THAT THE COUNCIL CLOSE THE RUSSIAN-BRITISH ARGUMENT OVER GREECE WITHOUT A FORMAL RULING AND PERMIT MR. MAKIN, AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE ARE NOT MENACING WORLD PEACE.

Mr. Makin advanced his proposal as the Council attempted to settle the Russian move to use its veto power to prevent the passage of a resolution to exonerate Britain in Greece of the Soviet charge that the troops there are endangering peace.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has demanded a "clean bill" for Britain in Greece. The Council has also received a request from Syria and Lebanon asking the removal of all British and French troops from the Levant.

ARAB POINTS

The Arab nations condemn the continued maintenance of British and French forces in Syria and the Lebanon, an official of the Iraqi delegation said yesterday, for three reasons:

(1) No communications, either British or French were threatened in those countries.

(2) The present situation was considered to be a direct infringement of the national sovereignty of the two nations concerned.

(3) No threat of internal disturbances existed in the Levant such as would justify the continuance of troops from foreign powers to protect their interests.

Egyptian sources were reluctant to comment on the situation. In view of the fact that Egypt occupies a special position as a member of the Security Council which will be called upon to adjudicate.

LEBANON

"Egypt has undertaken to act impartially as a member of the Supreme Tribunal in all cases that come under its jurisdiction and will examine the case thoroughly and disinterestedly as she would any dispute outside the realm of her immediate interest," said on

A MAZE OF TUNNELS BURROWED IN NEARBY HILLSIDES HIDE THE WORK SHOPS OF KURE, JAPAN'S MAIN NAVAL BASE, RECENTLY TAKEN OVER BY THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OCCUPATION FORCES.

ALL BUT IMMUNE FROM ORDINARY AIR BOMBARDMENT, THIS VERITABLE WARREN IS FITTED WITH HUNDREDS OF LATHES AND ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AT WHICH SEVERAL THOUSAND JAPANESE WORKERS LABOURED UNDER ELECTRIC LIGHTS, TURNING OUT REPAIRS FOR SHIPPING LYING IN THE DOCKYARDS ONLY 15 MINUTES WALK DISTANCE.

The underground factor which I inspected were the largest of several in the area. From above, it appears to be innocent, sandy slope, topped with small trees, but the base of the hill is dotted with concrete entrances, similar to those of air raid shelters.

In the bad light, I picked my way through lines of silent machinery as the 12-foot-high tunnels twisted further into the ground. With the aid of an intercom, Sub-Lieutenant Pear Bull, officer-in-charge of the U.S. Navy who had studied at the school of Oriental Languages in London, I questioned workers who are still using the caves. A small, unassuming man, clad in a dirty suit, seemed willing to talk, while others gathered around to listen to the conversation.

He told me that the tunnels had been constructed in 1945 and that 100,000 workers had been employed. That is most probably a gross over-estimate but the figure gives some indication that the true number was well into the thousands.

10d. A DAY

Before the bombing of Kure, he said, he had spent ten hours on the tunnel workshops. They had been recruited from all over Japan and some were housed in specially built barracks.

The average wage was ¥2.20 a day and plenty of food—the wage roughly equaling 10d.

The highest wage was ¥4.30 a day and food had been poor and in short supply. Only one per cent of the workers had been women.

Moving to a tunnel where the lighting was brighter, I found several machines in operation and asked what was being made. Sub-Lieut. Bull interpreted the reply "Ship parts for Japanese vessels."

The Jap pointed to a nearby machine and tried to explain the "American" he said laughing as he spoke. This was quite clear and watching the smoke rise from a wood fire I found the ventilation system. A vertical tunnel had

been bored through several hundred feet of ground to the hill top. Further questions revealed that the blast from the atomic bomb explosion at Hiroshima, 15 miles distant, had been felt in Kure, but the underground workers had been safe in the deep tunnel.

THE FUTURE

He also added that the workers now get ¥3 added to the variation according to the size of the family. He himself was a married man with five children to keep. He was an arm band marked "Repatriation Bureau" which, he explained, meant preparing for the return of workers to their home districts.

I asked him what he thought the future held for him but he merely shrugged his shoulders. We left the underground factory and further along the wreck-strewn road found several Japanese busily engaged in piling books on the edge of a lorry. A large blue volume attracted my attention and I read the title "Mines and Coal Trades Review" dated 1930, London.

HITLER FEAR OF RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE

NUERNBERG, FEB. 6. — CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL ON TUESDAY DISCLOSED THAT HITLER FEARED AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN A WORLD JEWRY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THAT HE ORDERED HIS TROOPS ENTERING PARIS IN 1940 TO WIPE OUT WHAT HE CALLED THE LAST JEWISH REMNANT IN EUROPE.

Reports of an official named Dannecker, assigned to the job of "solving the Jewish problem" in Paris, claimed that rides on the house of Rabbi had uncovered an agreement between world Jewry and the Pope. Dannecker reported after S.S. raids that he had proof that the Pope had declared himself ready to support Jewish propaganda against German racial ideas on condition that the international press, insofar as it was controlled by Jewish capital, would oppose the persecution of Catholics in Mexico.

Dannecker's report also asserted that Cardinal Faulhaber of Bavaria was involved in Catholic-Jewish negotiations as far back as 1936.

Dannecker explained that the raids from which he gained his information were preliminary to fulfillment of "the mission received from the Fuehrer for preparing the solution of the Jewish question in Europe." — Associated Press.

ALASKA SHIP DISASTER DRAMA

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, FEB. 6. — THE COAST GUARD HAS REPORTED THE RESCUE OF 71 OF 499 PERSONS FROM THE STRICKEN STEAMSHIP "YUKON" AS NINE VESSELS CONTINUED YESTERDAY IN THE RESCUE EFFORTS.

The steamer smashed on the rocks in Johnstone Bay, south of Seward.

One survivor arriving in Seward said a check-up after the ship broke in two indicated that 20 or 30 might be missing on the aft part of the vessel which floated free.

The cutter "Onondaga" brought 47 women and children to Seward and three men landed by an army tug.

The lighthouse tender "Cedar" wireless from the wreck scene saying it had removed more passengers.

Rails, army barges and motor whaleboats are also being used in the rescue. — Associated Press.

MANILA STRIKE

Manila, Feb. 6. — Four hundred civilian workers in the Manila Quartermaster Depot struck for higher wages as 700 shipyard employees returned to their jobs after a one-day walk-out. Headquarters announced.

Colonel J. P. Holland, Manila Provost Marshal, said that there have been no reports of "violence" and branded as a "fake" one report of a strike-breaker being killed in the current dock-up. — Associated Press.

Singapore Strike Led By Fear

London, Feb. 6. — Lord Nathan, Parliamentary under-secretary of the War Office, told the House of Lords on Tuesday that the one-day general strike in Singapore and Johore was "maintained almost entirely by fear" and "many of the strikers did not know the real reason for the strike."

Lord Nathan said that the strike was called on January 29, by the General Labour Union in Singapore. In protest against the arrest of certain members of the General Labour Union and former members of the Japanese Army.

"Present economic conditions of the country make it favourable to unrest," Nathan said, "and those responsible for the strike took advantage of this situation to further their own political ends." — Associated Press.

Soviet Method

Moscow, Feb. 6. — Moscow newspapers today reported fully in four columns yesterday's speech by Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky on the Greek issue.

Mr. Ernest Bevin's reply was summarized in five inches, and the papers recorded that Mr. Edward Stettinius (United States), M. Georges Bidault (France), Mr. Wellington Koo (China) and "others" spoke. They did not report what they said. — Reuter.

No Extra Guards For MacArthur

Tokyo, Feb. 6. — Colonel H. I. T. Gresswell, chief of the counter-intelligence here, is not planning safeguards for General MacArthur as a result of the Supreme Court's decision leaving the fate of General Yamashita in the hands of the Allied Supreme Commander.

Recently 75,000 Japanese signed a petition asking clemency for Yamashita who is held in high regard in Japan.

General MacArthur's home is nominally guarded. He dislikes the idea of a personal bodyguard. None is visible when he is en route through Tokyo streets although usually he is accompanied by his aides and other officers. — Associated Press.

"Yukon" Rescues

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 6. — Survivors were today reported to have been removed from wrecked and broken steamer "Yukon" and rescue boats are reported to have expressed confidence that all aboard would be saved.

A message said that "operations are continuing." Twenty to 30 persons are reported to be missing. — Associated Press.

Drawing Up Peace Treaty For Italy

LONDON, FEB. 6. — DEPUTIES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND FRANCE RESUMED THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF THE ITALIAN PEACE TREATY YESTERDAY.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT BY LATE THIS WEEK THEY MIGHT BEGIN DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE ITALY-YUGOSLAV BOUNDARY QUESTION.

Drastic French Economy Cuts

PARIS, FEB. 6. — THE FRENCH CABINET AGREED ON TUESDAY TO THE GENERAL TERMS OF PRESIDENT BELX GOULIN'S ECONOMY PROGRAMME CALLING FOR HUGE REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY AND CIVIL EXPENDITURES FOR 1946, IN AN EFFORT TO CUT DOWN THE BUDGET DEFICIT ESTIMATED AT 300,000,000,000 FRANCES.

The Information Minister, Mr. Gaston Deferre, said the Cabinet reached a unanimous agreement after Goulin had declared that the "military, like the civilian segment, must bow to the government's decisions."

The Assembly must to give the Government emergency powers to effect reductions, while the National Defence Committee was called for a meeting on Thursday to consider military expenditures.

Details of the economy programme are to be disclosed to the National Assembly on Wednesday. These are expected to include revenue raising measures, such as an increased tax on stock exchange transactions and on wine. — Associated Press.

Chu Teh On East River Column

Yenan, Feb. 6. — General Chu Teh, Chinese Communist commander-in-chief, today said that fighting was at an end all over China with the exception of some areas in northern Kiangsu province and around Canton.

He said that in the Canton area Government troops still refused to recognize the existence of the Communist East River detachment and were taking offensive action against them on the allegation that they were bandits. He said that in Kiangsu Government troops continued to occupy Communist-held villages.

Meanwhile, General Wang Chen, Communist commander in the Hupai area, arrived here for consultations with military leaders. — Associated Press.

CABINET DECIDES NOT TO RATION BREAD

LONDON, FEB. 6.

AMID WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF CEREALS, INDIA IS FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF FAMINE — THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-NIGHT BY SIR KEN SMITH, MINISTER OF FOOD.

GIVING NOTICE OF IMPENDING CUTS IN BRITISH BREAD SUPPLIES AND A COMPLETE CESSATION OF BRITISH RICE IMPORTS, SIR BEN DREW A STARK PICTURE OF A YEAR OF BAD HARVESTS — CAUSING AN INTERNATIONAL FOOD SHORTAGE, WHICH HAS, OVERNIGHT, BECOME THE SUBJECT OF URGENT TALKS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL BETWEEN THE "BIG FIVE."

A meeting of the leading "Big Five" U.N.O. delegates was held in London this morning to discuss the crisis, and the British delegation is stated to be seriously considering bringing emergency resolutions before the General Assembly to call for concerted action.

Describing Britain's proposed cuts as her contribution to the "global war against hunger," Sir Ben Smith said that the critical position of the world's food situation was not known until shortly before Christmas.

POSITION WORSENS

"The position was made worse by a series of droughts during 1944, and these reduced the harvest of Australia and Argentina. North Africa has suffered a similar disaster. The 1945-46 harvest in South Africa has been seriously reduced by droughts and reports from India within the last few weeks of failure of rain and other disasters make it clear that that country will be faced with the prospect of famine."

The Food Minister said that when he discussed the whole problem in Washington shortly after Christmas, it was estimated that wheat requirements of the importing countries during the first 6 months of this year would amount to a little over 17 million tons. Exportable supplies amounted to only 5 million tons and since then developments in India, South Africa and elsewhere had not only increased requirements but further lessened supplies.

For Britain, the wheat shortage might mean a return to the darker wartime loaf and—with a reduction in the available cattle food—less bacon, poultry and eggs than had been hoped.

— Reuter.

APPALLING FLIGHT

Sir Ben said that the plight of importing nations is "appalling." He warned that heavy sacrifices lie ahead and announced that Britain had cut a quarter of a million tons from her wheat import quota for the first six months of this year.

The Prime Minister said that British reserves of all foods were reduced by 1,800,000 tons last year, primarily to help European countries. — Associated Press.

CABINET DECISION

London, Feb. 6. — It is reported that the Cabinet has decided not to ration bread, but to raise the extraction rate in flour milling (proportion of the wheat grain used in flour) from the present 80 to 87.5 per cent. This would be a double blow.

Firstly, it would make Britain's bread even darker than during the war when the effective extraction rate never exceeded 85 per cent. (Britain never rationed bread during the war and the abundance of bread, hitherto, has been the safety-valve of the entire food rationing system).

Second, the corresponding cut in mill-dusts for livestock, especially poultry would aggravate the effects of last week's highly unpopular decision to forego the imports of dried egg from the United States owing to the shortage of dollars. — Reuter.

Innocent Dupes, Envoys Claim

Tokyo, Feb. 6. — Japan's false peace emissaries, Saburo Kurosu and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, have proclaimed themselves as innocent dupes of the military probably to escape prosecution as war criminals, an allied headquarters source disclosed yesterday.

He said that if Allied Headquarters finally decided not to charge the ambassadors who were negotiating in Washington while bombs fell over Pearl Harbor a statement would be released.

Neither ambassador, has been detained and apparently investigations have failed to disclose any evidence that they were involved in the war plans.

With the arrival of the British, Australian and New Zealand delegations, plans are proceeding for the trial of war crime suspects in March, including Premier Hideki Tojo and other one-time notables. — Associated Press.

SPAAK PROPOSAL

London, Feb. 6. — United Nations Assembly President Paul Henri Spaak circulated a proposal to abandon the spring assembly meeting in the United States in favour of the regularly scheduled September meeting.

Spaak argued that few issues require consideration before September, other spring international meetings are scheduled and Secretary General Trygve Lie needs more time to organize the U.N.O. staff.

(A London N.B.C. broadcast, heard in New York, said the assembly would hold its next session on Sept. 3 in New York.) — Associated Press.

POLES LEAVING SCOTLAND

Leith, Feb. 6. — The first of 12,000 Polish officers and men who have asked to be repatriated from Scotland will sail from here on Wednesday. The schedule calls for the embarkation of 6,000 by the end of March. — Associated Press.

Paul Boncour Urges Latin Bloc

LONDON, FEB. 6. — A FORMER FRENCH PREMIER, M. JOSEPH PAUL BONCOUR, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY, ON TUESDAY URGED THE FORMATION OF A "LATIN BLOC" COMPOSED OF FRANCE, ITALY AND, AS SOON AS THERE IS A CHANGE IN REGIME, SPAIN.

THE LATIN BLOC WOULD SERVE AS A "LINK BETWEEN THE SLAVIC AND ANGLO-SAXON BLOC." HE ADVOCATED EARLY SIGNING OF A PEACE TREATY WITH ITALY TO PERMIT FORMATION OF THE BLOC.

The short, white-haired veteran of French diplomacy and politics emphasized, in an exclusive interview, that he was expressing his personal opinion and not that of his government or its delegation to the first United Nations Session.

He said that the Latin bloc should not attempt to play the major blocs against each other but to "articulate them."

The 72-year old Frenchman, who has held most ministerial posts in his long political career, was France's delegate to the League of Nations from 1924 to 1940.

CANADIAN'S O.B.E.

London, Feb. 6. — The award of the Order of the British Empire to Wing-Commander Leonard Joseph Birchall, the Canadian who saved Ceylon from invasion in April, 1942, is announced in to-night's London Gazette.

By his action in flashing back the news that the Japanese fleet was off the south-east coast of Ceylon, he gave the island's defences a chance to crush the enemy. — Reuter.

RADIO

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1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—A Short Variety Programme.

1.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

3.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—A Welsh Self-Hour.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—"Ivor Fye"—The Singing Ballerina—B.B.C.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Hal Lormoz at the Piano.

8.00 p.m.—Dinah Shore and Bing Crosby with Harry James and His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—B.B.C.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

9.25 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—Jan Kiepura (Tenor) and Marie Weber & His Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—Reginald Dixon—Light Organ Music.

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